credit, either from institutional or non-institutional sources. 27.30% of total farm households are indebted to formal sources and 21.3% to informal sources, including money lenders.

Data Reporting System of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) does not generate any data/details about the number of money lenders and credit extended by them to farmers.

(c) to (e) RBI set-up a Technical Group to review the efficacy of the existing legislative framework that governs money-lending and its enforcement machinery in different States and to make recommendations for its improvement. The model legislation proposed by the Technical Group, *inter-alia*, provides for the following:

* a simple and hassle free procedure for compulsory registration and periodical renewal of their registration by money lenders;
* a simplified dispute resolution mechanism to ensure better enforcement;
* adoption of the rule of 'Damdupat', *i.e.* the interest charged should not exceed the Principal.

RBI has sent the Report to all the State Governments as part of its process of consultation.

Reduction of time gap between closure and listing of an IPO

2983. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is planning to reduce the time gap between closure of an Initial Public Offering (IPO) and its listing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) SEBI has informed that it has advised its Primary Market Advisory Committee (PMAC) to review the entire issue process *inter-alia* with an objective to reduce the time gap between closure of an IPO and its listing.

Purchases of Dollar Bonds and Dollars by RBI

†2984. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Dollar Bonds and Dollar purchased by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during the year 2005, 2006 and 2007, month-wise;

(b) the Dollar Bonds sold by RBI during the same period, month-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that whenever exchange rate of Dollar has fallen RBI has supported Dollar by purchasing Dollar Bond securities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not purchase/sell US dollar bonds as part of its operations in the domestic foreign exchange market. The amounts of US dollar purchased/sold by RBI in the last three financial years are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) The objectives and purposes of exchange rate management by the RBI are to ensure that economic fundamentals are reflected in the external value of the Rupee. The exchange

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.